

**WARREN COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES
MONDAY, MAY 26, 2020**

The Warren County Council met for their first meeting of May 2020.

Council Members present for the meeting were: John Comer, George Taylor, Neil Ellis, Matt Commons, Ethan Foxworthy, Lee kay. . Teleconference: Sharon Hutchison.

Also, in attendance: Auditor Robin Weston-Hubner; Commissioner, Brian Jordan; Commissioner, Clay Andrews; Rusty hart, Sheriff.

Public: Steve Eberly, LEDO Board; Ben Dispenett, LEDO Director; Fred Bobzien, Kuri Tec Manufacturing (telecommunication).

1. The meeting was called to order by John Comer, Council President.
2. Pledge of Allegiance was led by John Comer.
3. Roll Call
4. New Business:
 - a. Meeting Agenda Approval – Weston-Hubner added the February 18th minutes for approval. Lee Kay made a motion to add the Combined Council/Commissioner February 18, 2020 minutes to the agenda with a second from Matt Commons, all voted in favor. Comer requested the LEDO position expansion to be added to the agenda. Neil Ellis made a motion to approve the amended agenda with a second of Matt Commons, all voted in favor.
 - b. Neil Ellis made a motion to approve the April 27, 2020 and February 18, 2020 Council Meeting minutes with a second from Matt Commons, all voted in favor.
 - c. Abatements 20 pay 21 – Weston-Hubner presented 2 abatements from Stewart Grain for personal and real property. Weston-Hubner presented 2 abatements from Kuri Tec Manufacturing for personal and reals property. Lee Kay made a motion to approve both Stewart Grain and Kuri Tec Manufacturing CF-1's with a second from Matt Commons, all voted in favor.
 - d. 2021 Budget Calendar – Weston-Hubner explained the procedure and issues/changes for 2021 budget season.
5. Old Business:
 - a. County Job Classification and Compensation Study – After much discussion, Sharon Hutchison made a motion to approve the study by WIS Research and Development to be paid from Economic Development Fund in the amount of not to exceed \$27,640 with a second from Lee Kay, all voted in favor.
 - b. LEDO Director position expansion – Ben Dispenett, LEDO Executive Director, explained the proposal for the expansion of the Director position with LEDO as well as LEDO outline and 2019 Annual update. The county wide internet project was discussed. Dispenett explained many of the ongoing and upcoming projects/development in the county. Andrews and Jordan explained ideas and support of the expansion. Jordan suggested the possibility of funding through the EDIT fund for the \$100,000 per year addition. Weston-Hubner explained the EDIT fund balance is just over \$1,100,000 and \$408,657 is the 2020 revenue with a 2020 budget of \$312,000. Comer explained different pros. Eberly explained items that were worked on over the years and what is needed in coming years for LEDO. Neil Ellis made a motion to authorize \$100,000 to LEDO yearly for 3 years, \$50,000 additional appropriation for 2020 and the payment to be made annually rather than monthly basis with a second from Matt Commons, all voted in favor.
6. Elected Official/Officer Holder Comment:
 - a. Rusty Hart, Sheriff – Presented the actuarial evaluation of the 2019 sheriff pension. The 2021 budget information was received as well. Hart discussed his budget for 2021 will include additional vehicle which increases the public safety line by \$35,000, 20201 is the first year the 9th position will be realized on pension which will increase from \$120,000 to \$130,000. Hart explained the police retirement plan maxes out at 26 years and would like to look into increasing to 30 years. The Council requested all options to be presented to them. Presented Jail inspection report from April 7, 2020 which showed no deficiencies. Explained the repair of the outdoor recreation area and quotes are being gathered.
 - b. Weston-Hubner – Explained spring settlement has been completed and will be disbursed tomorrow.

7. Public Comment: No public comment.

The next County Council meeting will be June 29, 2020 at 8:00 a.m.

There being no further business, George Taylor made a motion to adjourn with a second from Matt Commons.

ATTEST: Robin Weston-Hubner
Robin Weston-Hubner

WARREN COUNTY COUNCIL

John Comer
John Comer, President

Sharon Hutchison
Sharon Hutchison, Vice President

Ethan Foxworthy
Ethan Foxworthy

Laurie "Lee" Kay
Laurie "Lee" Kay

Neil Ellis
Neil Ellis

Matt Commons
Matt Commons

George Taylor
George Taylor